

## AMERICAN IDEA MAY CLEAR UP IRISH QUESTION

British Look Favorably on Proposed Alternative to Renewal of War of Suppression.

### WOULD ISOLATE IRELAND

Plan Includes Withdrawal of Troops and Governmental Machinery and Declaring Blockade.

By K. WALTER

LONDON. (By Mail.)—American statesmanship may now provide a way out of the Irish dilemma. The British Government's policy was defined for me in the form of a question not so long ago by one of Mr. Lloyd George's closest friends, who asked, did I think 100,000 casualties would be too big a price to pay for an Irish settlement?—and it was asked in a tone which presupposed a negative reply. To that policy Mr. Lloyd George is very deeply committed by the fundamental facts of his present political existence, and consequently few people in England could see any alternative to a renewed war of suppression when the negotiations broke down.

But there is unfolding today an alternative in the minds of the British government. It was planted there as long ago as last spring, when a certain American statesman, seriously concerned with Ireland's fate, and England's, most carefully and vigilantly canvassed it in political and diplomatic circles here, not as his own idea (which it was) but as political gossip. The guerrilla warfare in Ireland was then assuming such dimensions that any practical alternative to the use of military power was welcomed, and many who heard it expounded declared it to be a most expedient and merciful manner of enabling the British government to spare Ireland and England the horror of further casualties without obliging the government to abandon their physical force policy.

Briefly, the suggestion is a combination of withdrawal and blockade—the withdrawal being civil as well as military—but without taking the irrevocable step of recognizing the independence of the Irish Republic. (There would have to be enormous changes in English opinion before any such recognition could be possible—changes almost unimaginable without other and greater changes coming over this country.) The first step in the procedure suggested was to be a truce, and the thoroughness with which the truce has actually been observed has been a striking answer to those who objected to the American plan on the ground that even this first step would be one of much doubt and difficulty. The truce being established honorably on both sides, the British government would be free to withdraw its soldiers and police without great military or moral inconvenience. The 26—possibly 28—counties of Ireland would simply be left to themselves. All British grants and pensions would of course cease; but on the other hand no attempt would be made to collect the King's taxes. There would be no fighting in Ireland, not at any rate between Irish and English, because there would be no English to fight. But the sea ports would be strictly guarded by the British navy, and in order to prevent the importation of arms foreign commerce would be carried on only under special license and strict surveillance; beyond that England would hope to forget Ireland and turn over on the other side and get a little sleep.

But the interesting thing about the comments, both private and public, was the favor the scheme found in such widely different quarters. There is no doubt whatever that if the English people were given the choice between fighting the Irish and leaving them to fight each other, they would prefer to see fair play; there would not be so many recruits for Ulster today.

### MAINLY ABOUT PEOPLE

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Algeo of Bryan, Ohio, are the guests of the former's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Algeo, 895 Range line.

Mrs. Charles Wheat went to Kansas City yesterday to meet her son, Carlyle Wheat, who has just returned from Alaska.

Those attending the Boone County annual Sunday school convention at Centralia are: Dr. Minnie Floyd, Mrs. P. H. Henderson, F. M. Quisenberry, Mrs. Agnes Devier, George Semor and Sam Bea.

The Rev. H. J. Findlay returned to his home in Kansas City yesterday after attending the Preachers' Week meetings in Columbia.

Mrs. Anna White and Mrs. Gertrude Muir of Centralia, are visiting at the home of Dr. and Mrs. C. M. Sneed.

Mrs. W. C. Polk and daughter, Mary, returned to their home in Weston yesterday.

Mrs. Paul Sanderson is visiting relatives in Bowling Green, Mo.

Mrs. Eller Frost is visiting her nephew, John Nevins, in Gant, Mo.

T. A. Daly returned to Hantsdale yesterday after visiting at the home of his sons, Leslie and Frank Daly of Columbia.

Mrs. E. R. Rawlings and son, Brown Rawlings, Jr., returned to Rocheport yesterday after visiting at the home of Mrs. Rawlings' mother, Mrs. J. B. Hourigan, 11 North First street.

Mrs. Edgar Atchison of Laddonia, who has been here visiting Mrs. J. E. Fair-

## Soviet Prisons Now Hold No Americans



Americans photographed at Ravel upon their arrival from Soviet prisons. In the group are Russell Patten, John Flick, W. B. Estes, Henri J. La Mar and X. Kalamitino.

hair, returned to her home yesterday. Mrs. F. H. Sweeney, matron of the Knights of Columbus Students' Home, went to St. Louis yesterday.

Mrs. C. L. Lewis went to St. Louis yesterday to attend the St. Louis-Missouri football game.

Mrs. L. V. Stevenson went to Edwardsville, Ill., yesterday for a two weeks' visit with her father.

Mrs. C. H. Geery went to St. Louis yesterday to visit with friends and to attend the Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star.

J. R. Jordan, internal revenue collector, went to Centralia yesterday on business.

A. G. Capps went to Hallsville yesterday on business.

R. C. Nichols went to Mexico yesterday for a week-end visit.

G. E. McAllister and G. S. Starrett went to Centralia yesterday on a short business trip.

E. C. Kulms went to Centralia yesterday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Claxton returned to their home in Moberly yesterday following a visit with their daughter, Mrs. R. M. Neely of Columbia.

E. B. Sturgeon, of Denver, Colo., arrived here yesterday to visit his mother-in-law and sister-in-law, Mrs. C. C. Gillespie and Mrs. J. E. Barnett, 210 Price avenue, and his sister, Mrs. T. F. Sutton, near Columbia.

Mrs. W. E. Spratt returned to her home in St. Joseph yesterday after visiting her daughter Leah, who is ill with typhoid fever at Parker Memorial Hospital.

## 1921 SHOWS BIG TAX INCREASE

Representative of State Commission Reports Gain of \$120,000.

The total taxation in Boone County has increased more than 120,000 since 1920. The following figures are from J. T. Waddell, representative of the State Tax Commission.

STATE REVENUE TAX

1920 Real Estate \$13,265,912. \$19,893.06  
1920 Personal 5,223,143. 7,835.90

Total \$27,728.96  
1921 Real Estate \$33,157,576. \$23,155.00  
1921 Personal 8,086,379. 5,666.70

Total \$31,821.70  
Increase \$4,092.74

COUNTY REVENUE TAX

1920 Real Estate \$13,265,912. \$53,068.72  
1920 Personal 5,223,143. 20,893.14

Total \$73,961.86

1921 Real Estate \$33,157,576. \$39,706.96  
1921 Personal 8,086,379. 11,564.14

Total \$74,271.10  
Increase 369.24

SCHOOL TAX

1920 Real Estate \$13,265,912. \$141,410.49  
1920 Personal 5,223,143. 55,143.33

Total \$196,553.82  
1921 Real Estate \$33,157,576. \$214,104.94  
1921 Personal 8,086,379. 66,134.98

Total \$280,239.92  
Increase 83,686.10

COUNTY ROAD TAX

1920 Real Estate \$13,265,912. \$13,257.18  
1920 Personal 5,223,143. 5,225.29

Total \$18,482.47  
1921 Real Estate \$33,157,576. \$16,585.27  
1921 Personal 8,086,379. 4,045.59

Total \$20,630.86  
Increase 2,148.39

SPECIAL ROAD AND BRIDGE TAX

1920 Real Estate \$13,265,912. \$52,589.52  
1920 Personal 5,223,143. 20,091.42

Total \$72,680.94  
1921 Real Estate \$33,157,576. \$66,633.40  
1921 Personal 8,086,379. 16,159.05

Total \$82,792.45  
Increase 10,111.51

COUNTY HOSPITAL TAX

1920 Real Estate \$12,265,912. \$15,920.61  
1920 Personal 5,223,143. 6,267.94

Total \$22,188.55  
1921 Real Estate \$33,157,576. 39,804.65  
1921 Personal 8,086,379. 9,709.42

Total \$49,514.07  
Increase 27,325.52

### UNIVERSITY NEWS

Among the students who are spending the week-end at home are: Miss Mary Houk; St. Joseph's C. Mays, Elsberry; J. R. Arnett, Williamson; Kay Davis, Beuning, Louisiana, Mo.; Rachel Maltry, Macon; and Kathryn Bell, Marshall.

Lawrence Baker, Robert Sloan, and Coleman Willis are spending the week-end at their homes in Platte City, Mo.

Mrs. E. J. Merkle and her daughter Helen left yesterday for their home in Kansas City after visiting Miss Miriam Merkle.

Louis Kovitz went to Kansas City yesterday to spend the week-end with his parents.

W. A. Chittenden, division superintendent of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad at Brookfield, came to Columbia yesterday to visit his son, D. W. Chittenden, who is an instructor in the animal husbandry department.

Philip Cotton went to Kansas City yesterday to spend the week-end with

his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Cotton.

J. Max McCann has gone to St. Louis to transact business with the St. Louis alumni association, and to attend the Missouri-St. Louis game.

The following students are spending the week-end in Jefferson City: Miss Adelaide Schott, Miss Helen Chalkis, Miss Martha Overstreet, Miss Esther Otting, Curtis Quinby, Anthony Buford and Harold Leslie.

Miss Sarah Ditt and F. G. Rombach are spending the week-end at their homes in California, Mo.

Miss Dorothy Ring left yesterday for St. Louis where she will spend the week-end.

The following students went to St. Louis yesterday to attend the Missouri-St. Louis football game: W. D. Douglas, James Coppage, Kenneth Ray, David Koppin, Ben Stinson, Ed Shannon, G. E. Edscomb, S. P. Graham and W. H. Wiegand.

Dr. G. L. Noyes, dean of the School of Medicine; E. Lansing Ray, St. Louis, editor and publisher of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat; Acting President J. C. Jones, O. M. Barnett, University attorney; Isidor Loeb, dean of the School of Business and Public Administration; H. J. Blanton, of Paris, Mo., and Gov. Arthur M. Hyde went to St. Louis yesterday from Columbia to attend a meeting of the Board of Curators there today.

C. L. Dietz, soils specialist, left yesterday for St. Louis county, to assist the county agent at the opening of New Jamestown's co-operative limestone crushing plant.

George W. Hough, of Los Angeles, an 80-year-old Civil War veteran, is spending a few days in Columbia visiting with his nephew, Elliott W. Hough, student in the School of Journalism. The aged veteran is on the way to California from Indianapolis, Ind., where he has been attending a G. A. R. Encampment. He expects to leave Monday.

Mrs. Paul Sanderson, and small son, Paul, Jr., left Columbia yesterday for a short visit in Bowling Green. Mr. Sanderson, who is a student in the College of Agriculture, will join them tomorrow. They will be present at the wedding of a relative.

Bright Is Slightly Improved... The condition of Mike Bright who has been seriously ill, is slightly improved.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT Notice is hereby given, That the undersigned administrator of the estate of Susan A. Gabbert, deceased, will make Final Settlement of her accounts with said estate as such administrator at the next term of the Probate Court of Boone County, Missouri, to be held at Columbia, Mo., in said county, on the 14th day of November, A. D. 1921.

W. K. STONE, Administrator, First insertion Oct. 8, 1921.

## BRITAIN TURNS RAILROADS BACK

Private Owners Resume Management of Systems After 7 Years.

By LLOYD ALLEN.  
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)

LONDON. (By Mail.)—Britain's railroads—after seven years of government control—have been returned to private management and the British taxpayers is approximately three-quarters of a billion dollars poorer—181,081,149 pounds sterling, to be exact.

Today it is safe to say the British people generally rejoice at the termination of state interference in the railroad business.

Moreover, the man in the street is undoubtedly convinced that "nationalization" of the roads would prove a very questionable and probably costly innovation, and he would point to wartime curtailed services and costly passenger fares, to prove his contention that any socialization or semi-socialization is doomed to utter failure.

Because the British are essentially modest about proclaiming themselves "efficient," the world at large is virtually ignorant of the speedy express trains that in normal times run at world-record speeds. Also it is not generally known that the British railroad companies and their workers have highly complex, self-adjusting wage scales that automatically and with very little real friction keep the rate of pay at a definite figure, as compared with the cost of living.

Wherefore, the transfer of these gigantic properties from governmental to private control was accomplished without any special discussion regarding wages, since this problem had been adjusted many months previously.

Also, the whole question of governmental remuneration to the companies had been taken care of by means of an arrangement whereby the government guaranteed the railroad managements to keep the net receipts, while under state control, equal to the 1913 earnings.

Regular payments were made from the state, subject to later refunds from the companies should super-audited statistics show any over-payment.

STATE TREASURY HAS SUFFERED Here it was, that the state treasury suffered. By the time de-control arrived, August 15, 1921, the state had paid out 121,981,149 pounds, while an additional figure of approximately 60,000,000 pounds remains to be paid.

These sums were transferred in three payments, the first of which was made March 31, 1920. Previous to this date receipts had balanced expenditures.

Added to the public cost of state control is still another item of some 4,000,000 pounds for the railroad companies of Ireland.

Britain has accepted these huge losses with very little grumbling, because they represent a small portion of the staggering cost of the great war.

Throughout the terrific struggle, the British railroads never broke down, and it is believed here the roads stood the strain better than the railroads of any other belligerent.

Experts explain that Britain's practice of constructing the solidest kind of roadbeds and bridges, and the consistent use of light-weight rolling stock accounts for the war-time efficiency.

Principal causes of huge losses in state operation of the roads is attributed to general inauguration of the eight hour day, necessitating employment of 76,000 men, costing 15,600,000 pounds yearly, to which must be added war-time wage increases to the regular personnel. Comparative pre-war and war-time wage bills are as follows:

1913 annual wages, 47,500,000 pounds  
1920 annual wages, 113,000,000 pounds  
1921 estimated 173,000,000 pounds

Under the present wage arrangement the men get an additional shilling for every increase of five points in an index figure of the cost of living, as compiled by the Ministry of Labor.

LIVING WAGE IS ADJUSTED Downward trend of the living cost entails wage reductions in the same proportion, until a definitely fixed low level is reached; whereafter the wages remain stationary and cannot be reduced further.

By act of Parliament, the British roads

ar to group themselves into four great amalgamations which will be completed by January 1, 1923. Each group will have its directorate thereby eliminating scores of board of directors now functioning.

Sir Eric Geddes, who was Minister of Transport during the war, is reported to have estimated an annual saving of approximately 30,000,000 pounds, though less optimistic prophets put the gain at four million.

Simultaneously with railroad decontrol, the companies inaugurated cheap excursion rates. Coming at the peak of the vacation season this move highly pleased millions of holidayers. Regular fares remain approximately 75 per cent over pre-war rates.

Furthermore, people were prone to associate cheaper rates, after months of almost prohibitive fares, with private ownership, although the state some months previously had granted permission for the companies to take such a step, but the great coal strike intervened and rendered reduction of fares under state management almost impossible.

Arguments of his character, together with a vivid remembrance of the palmy pre-war days of cheap fares and extensive train services, make the case for resumption and continuation of private ownership rather strong, in the mind of the man in the street.

### NEWS OF THE STATE

Joseph R. Pile, president of the Joplin Chamber of Commerce, has started a movement to furnish jobs for the unemployed. With the motto "employ a man," committee members will visit every employer in Joplin and ask them to put at least one person back to work, preferably the head of a family and as far as possible one who was let out when business was slack.

Missouri is to have the largest state delegation to the coming national convention of the American Legion, according to an announcement made by Edward J. Cahill, state adjutant. He estimated that at least 30,000 Missourians will be in attendance when the convention opens October 31 to continue to November 2. There will probably be 10,000 legionnaires in the Missouri division of the grand parade.

The Missouri National Guard units are entitled to nine candidates for admission to West Point Military Academy next year, according to information received in Jefferson City by Adjutant General W. A. Rupp. The candidates are to be selected by the governor before December 15 of this year, and final applications for admission will be made in March next year.

The directors and leading members of the Associated Retailers of St. Louis voted to amend Alderman Louis P. Aloe's plan of appropriating \$16,000,000 for public improvements in that city and get behind a proposal for a \$30,000,000 bond issue. Included among the proposed improvements would be a Municipal Memorial Auditorium for former service men.

This is fire prevention week in St. Joseph. If all the inspection blanks which have been distributed to the school children are returned, Fire Chief Regan will have reports on the condition as fire risks of 15,000 homes in the city. Fire prevention literature is being distributed by Boy Scouts.

Records of births and deaths of thousands of persons prior to 1911 have disappeared from the office of the city clerk of Joplin. No clue as to their whereabouts has been found.

The value of Missouri plow lands, during 1921, has ranged from \$58 to \$100 an acre, according to information compiled by the bureau of labor statistics under the direction of William A. Lewis, state labor commissioner.

Missouri has been allotted the largest amount of federal aid funds for vocational agriculture, home economics, and trades and industries of any of the middle western states, according to a statement by Sam A. Baker, state superintendent of schools. The allotment for this school year is \$129,553.01.

Because of congestion in the lower grades of the St. Joseph schools, it has been necessary to arrange for half holiday sessions in the first grades of three of the schools.

## THEY "BROKE BREAD" IN TRUE HANSEL AND GRETEL FASHION

Have you ever come in on the night train from Kansas City or St. Louis and, in the small hours of a chilly morning, arrived in Centralia to wait there until 7 o'clock to be taken to Columbia? Usually you go across the street to a hotel and sit huddled in sleepy groups in the lobby until train time.

Last week-end a student stepped off the Kansas City train, went into the hotel and found a friend off the St. Louis train attempting to sleep in a chair.

So at 3:30 o'clock they strolled over the town. In the back of a shop on the main street, they saw a light. They knocked on the door and requested that they be permitted to come in. It was the warm back room of a bakery and so they watched the process of bread making until it came out of the oven, hot and delicious. They bought a loaf of the hot bread and went to an all-night cafe where they ate it piping hot coffee. The warm morsels verily melted in the students' mouths and although it was rather early for breakfast they agreed that it was decidedly good.

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